

## Matthew 6:11

*Give us this day our daily bread.*

When we read in Matthew chapters 5-7, this is what we call the Sermon on the Mount, which also contains the Beatitudes in chapter 5 verses 3-11. And here in the middle of that teaching in chapter 6 Jesus teaches us how to pray, commonly titled by man as “The Lord’s Prayer” and when Jesus taught on it He did not say, “Repeat this prayer over and over” but rather, “***In this manner, therefore, pray:***” **Matthew 6:9a**, which is not saying to repeat it, but you can think of it as a template on how to structure our prayers to God, taking each section and considering it as the title of each section, and we fill in the rest with what our heart wants to speak to God in regards to that title.

But we are not going to get into that today, but there is one part that I want us to focus on, which is today’s verse that says, “***Give us this day our daily bread.***” Which is a request, not a demand to God. But if you think about it, this is referring to both physical bread (food), as well as our spiritual bread, as we read of Jesus teaching us about that as well when He said in **John 4:32** ***But He said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know."*** Referring to spiritual food.

But have you noticed that when we pray, “***Give us this day our daily bread.***” that “POOF” all of a sudden there is the food right in front of us, because we said these magic words and food appears right before our eyes?

Now some of you are laughing thinking that is ridiculous, which it is, because that’s not how it works. Rather, we are to pray for God’s provision, and then we take action in regard to that prayer.

† **James 2:20** *But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?*

Once again, we don’t pray for it, then just sit there waiting for it to happen. But we simply pray “***Give us this day our daily bread.***” and get up, go to the frig or pantry and open the door, and there, right before our eyes is God provision. Or the Lord has provided us with money so we can go to the store and buy food with His provision of money to provide for our daily bread (food).

Now you may be thinking, “*How can that be? I worked hard and made money and I bought that food.*” Which is true in a sense, but also realize that GOD gave you that job, so you can have a paycheck so you can go buy food for your family and yourself.

But we can also pray, “***Give us this day our daily bread.***” Then take our paycheck and blow it all on alcohol, video games, clothes, cars, toys, phones, computers, tablets... and then we will think, “*I prayed ‘Give us this day our daily bread.’ and I don’t have any, so God did not answer my prayer.*” Which is 100% wrong, because God did provide for our daily bread, we just used that money foolishly.

But the same is true when we pray, “***Give us this day our daily bread.***” in regard to spiritual food. So, we pray that and just sit there, waiting for God to give us some sort of revelation, or to

send an angel to speak to us, but we hear nothing at all. Well, just like our example of physical food, where we go to the pantry or frig to get that food, so it is with spiritual food. Just think of it this way, our bible is our spiritual frig or pantry; Therefore, we have to get up and go get our bible, open it up (Like opening the door to our frig or pantry) and partake of the goodness of God's word.

† **Psalm 119:103** *How sweet are Your words to my taste, Sweeter than honey to my mouth!*

† **Job 23:12** *I have not departed from the commandment of His lips; I have treasured the words of His mouth More than my necessary food.*